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Town Well Fund for Public + Private Water

We have started fund raising for an artesian well to be drilled in the center of town. This well will first be hooked up to the Wendell Town Hall with an outdoor faucet and drinking fountain as top priority. The well is then intended to be able to be connected to the town library, the meeting house, town offices, if needed, and any private household in the town common area. A water commission will be set up to regulate user fees and other things we have not yet thought of.

Our goal is to raise $5,000. We have several fund raising ideas in the works and are very excited at the response so far. Our first project is a raffle. We are selling tickets in which money is the prize. Tickets are limited, so please contact us soon. Other fund raising projects include a Chinese auction at the Harvest Festival, a coffee house in the spring and a raffle for a piece of artwork by Jake Graton. Please listen for other fund raising projects as we manage to organize them. Also, if anyone is interested in spearheading a project or helping in any way at all please contact Ted Lewis at 544-3329 or Anne Diemand at 544-6111.

We are also accepting donations. We have received our first of $10 and also a promise of a $1,000 donation. So like I said before, we are very excited at the response and with this kind of energy and support, who knows, maybe by next anuual town meeting we may be able to drink the Town Hall water!

Anne Diemand

Full Moon Coffeehouse Fall Schedule

September 19 - Vance Gilbert
"Very alive Folksinger" - opened for Aretha Franklin

October 10- Catie Curtis
Wonderful singer-songwriter

November 14 - The Billys
Two beautiful guys named Bill, playing on recycled instruments - bring yours!

December 12 - Julia Burroughs
Our very own - Be there!

Road Names Get a Look

Where does Locke Hill Rd. #1 start? Is it Moosehorn or Jennison? Kempfield or Kentfield? From where does New Salem Rd. lead to New Salem?

These mysteries and others have been under investigation by the Street Numbering and Naming Committee over the past few months...in the county courthouse, among longtime residents, and in a public hearing. The committee is charged with creating an official street map as part of its work, so that neighbors don't have wildly different addresses even though they live on the same street, and out-of-towners (including emergency crews) can more readily find us tucked away into our leafy bowers. The official map will become the basis for responses by the new 911 emergency system.

This is an especially good time, historically, to face the disruption of name changes since not only is the Town getting this emergency response system, which benefits from clarity around road names, but new street numbers are about to be assigned (once the street names are official), and residents will soon be notifying correspondents of this change anyway.

The committee has found strong feelings about names, and often a loyalty to a particular name even where the possibility of confusion exists. In certain cases (Bullard Rd. and Bullard Pasture Rd.), the committee has decided to let the imperfect be. In other cases, the image of an ambulance going in the wrong end was too worrisome (e.g., in the case of Morgan Place Rd. vs. Bear Mountain Rd.), or the advantages for people trying to find their way into or out of town were too great (Mormon Hollow vs. Farley for the thoroughfare between Maple Valley School and the place where they "Y"), and the committee chose a name that some residents have expressed strong objection to. These folks will have a full chance to make their feelings known in the Town meeting to consider and vote on the entire list of name changes scheduled for Sept.29. (Likewise, those who want to increase the committee's recommendations and eliminate the dual Bullards may lobby at that time).

Since there is a Davis Rd., what is now Davis Turn Rd., under the committee's recommendation, would become Wilder Rd. The easterly leg of the loop (or "T", if you look at it that way) now called Wickett Pond Rd. would be re-named after the founder of the Herrick homestead. Jennison Rd. Extension would become Moosehorn Rd., continuing the street numbers of that same road at the New Salem line. Locks Village Rd. would become Locke Village Rd., as most of the historical evidence presented to the committee claims that spelling. The name Locke Hill Rd. would be applied to the stretch of road that runs from Locke Village Rd. up the hill, taking a right past the microwave tower (as the tarred surface does) past the Richardson farm and down to Jennison Rd. near the old cemetery. The stretch of Locke Hill Rd. #1 south of the microwave tower would be renamed Ballard Tavern Rd. after the stagecoach stop that used to be at the Bialer homestead on Jennison.

Kempfield Rd. is the spelling recommended by the committee, again based on historical information, and Wendell Depot Rd. (not simply Depot Rd.) would be the official name of that thoroughfare. Elm St. was picked over West Orange Rd. for the road that runs

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LETTERS

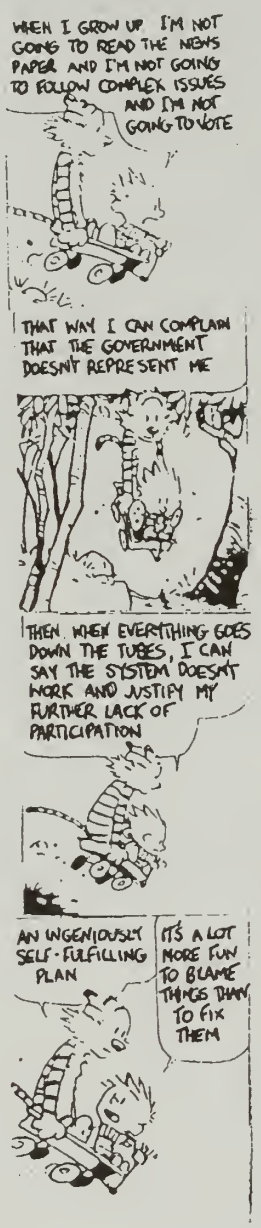
From the Right Side

The overide vote of June 29 was another example of voter apathy that is rampant in America today and has been for as long as I can remember.

You would think that an override vote, which directly affects everyone in town would have brought more than 215 out of 556 registered voters to the poles.

I believe the answer lies below:

Ken Carville



Intimidated?

Have you ever been harassed or bullied by individuals in the Wendell Police Department? If so, and you would like to see something done about it, please contact Jake Graton at the Wendell Art Dept., or you may write to:

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EARTH MATERIALS
Demolition & Removal

Peace Day happened August 2 under blue skies and the influence of a peaceful spirit. Highlights included music, massage, a community pot luck, and--from top to bottom, an art show, story time, and African Dancing

Peace Day

What a fantastically beautiful day with sharing the theme of the day. The weather, food, music, workshops and the people were all fantastic!

The day got off at sunrise with an opening ceremony which was very inspiring, followed by workshops, a parade, potluck picnic, clowns, face painting, story-telling and music all day. A closing ceremony at sunset ended the day, leaving each of us with a renewed commitment to a peaceful planet. Thanks to everyone who helped to create this year's celebration of peace.

Wendell Community Really Works

It was a long tough winter and spring for a lot of folds and we got through it, stronger than ever as a community. We pulled together through hard times and came out stronger because of it.

Joe and linda lost their house and found new friends. Jake was "discovered." We got through town meeting and the budget. Good Neighbors was born and continues to grow. Old home day was the best ever. We said our last farewell to some of our neighbors and welcomed a few new ones. The meeting house made it through another year. The coffeehouses continue to benefit so many people and Peace Day reminded us of what we're all striving for. We've shared the tough times and the good times and found that sharing makes a community work.

Contributor unknown

Harvest Festival Sat., Sept. 20

Wendell's last fling of the season, the Wendell Harvest Festival, will be held on the Common on Sunday, September 20. Gardeners and craftspeople, artisans (including cooks) and local businesspeople, musicians and visual artists will be on hand with their creativity and bounty. What they've created will be for sale or barter in come cases, or just for viewing in others. This is the Town's look at its accomplishments, the productivity of its citizens, celebration of a great summer.

A community breakfast will start things off at 9 a.m., running until noon. Craftspeople and visual artists will join forces in a crafts show section. Last year's popular cider press will be back to occupy kids with the making of delicious cider, and clowning will be done by Joshua J. Waffles. There will be animals to pet and pony cart rides for youngsters while parents check out the garden produce or the crafts show.

Our biggest crop may be music, and there will be plenty of that throughout the day. Musicians, both roving and stationary, will perform and offer their tapes for sale at a table with the rest of their local musical colleagues.

Details are being worked out for a community hayride in the evening to end the last weekend of the summer and bring in the solstice and the fall season. Watch area papers and bulletin boards for details.

Jonathan von Ranson

Craftspersons Wanted

Craftspeople Wanted

Anyone interested in selling crafts at the annual harvest Festival Sept. 20th, please call Rosalie at 544-6850.

Show Your Squash

"If only I had known...!" That was a common lament at the Garden & Kitchen Showcase at the first Wendell Harvest Festival last year. Here's how to be part of this year's display and/or sale of your food products at the fair on the Common:

- Save the pride and joy of your canning work, put a ribbon or a bonnet on it and don't eat until after Sept. 20!
- Put your giant squashes or pumpkins, your well-formed rutabaga or prettily braided onions into a cool, dry place for the trip to the Festival.
- Do you have a quaint old hand-tool that will add a rustic touch to your display? Or a nest and a clutch of eggs?

With these ingredients and your imagination, contact Nina Keller at 544-2857 to cooperate with her in putting together this popular attraction.

Sign Interpreters Sought

The Selectboard would like to identify individuals willing to serve as sign language interpretors for town meetings, board meetings and/or or other municipal interactions. Although we have no situations requiring an interpretor at this time, we hope to identify individuals willing to help out if the occassion arises in the future. Please contact any member of the Selectboard to express your interest.

Tree of Peace to be Planted in Wendell

On September 5th, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a tree planting on Wendell Common. The community is invited to participate in the planting of a Tree Of Peace. Jake Swamp, accompanied by his wife, Judy Swamp, will lead this event. Jake and Judy are from the Akwesasne Reservation in upstate New York.

Chief Jake Swamp is a Mohawk, Wolf Clan, and a member of the Mohawk Council for 23 years. He is the founder of the Tree of Peace Society. He has planted the Tree Of Peace and spoken of its meaning at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Tree plantings have also taken place in Hawaii, Australia, Columbia and Japan. As a chief and a speaker, he

presides over ceremonies including funerals and weddings at the Akwesasne Longhouse.

At the tree planting Jake will tell the story of how the Peacemaker established the Great Law Of Peace as a the Constitution of the Iroquois Confederacy. The foundation of the law is that thinking and negotiation can replace violence and warfare as a means of settling disputes. Some people have estimated this story to be as much as 1,000 years old. It is a powerful vision – perhaps the world's first of a united nations dedicated to justice and peace.

Following the tree planting, which is expected to take about an hour, there will be a community potluck lunch in the Town Hall.

Everyone, especially children, is welcome at this event. Come help plant the Tree of Peace in Wendell!

Thank you to Ted Lewis, who has generously donated the tree. For more information call Heather Lenz and Paul Wanta at 544-2399, or Kate Gilday and Don Babineau at 544-2121.

Heather Lenz

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Birth

5/14/92 Danielle Lanette Denise Rane Smith born to Diana L. and Christopher J. Smith in Greenfield.

Marriage

6/20/92 Walter L. Regnier and Cindy A. Waterman in Wendell.

7/4/92 Gregory E. Stone and Kerry J. Verney in Wendell

7/18/92 William C. Middleton III and Serena L. Stone in Wendell

Road Block

Warm thanks to everyone who donated to the recent Wendell Fire Department "Road Block," held in the center of town. The deparment netted $655. Thanks also to Lin Diemand, Divya Shinn, and Tony Diemand who donated their concessions' earnings to the W.F.D. booth at Old Home Day.

The Wendell Fire Dept. is also selling T-shirts and bumper stickers at the Fire Station, Country Store, and Depot Store. The proceeds from these events go toward the purchase of the following much needed equipment:

1 air pack
turn-out gear (helmuts, boots, gloves, coats)
pocket pagers
well pump for shallow well
built in battery charger for tanker

Fire Log

6/1/92 Structure fire, Gilman residence, Wendell Depot Road.
6/2/92 Alarm sounding on West Road, Jarvis residence.
7/12/92 Vehicle fire, Wendell center.
7/29/92 Structure fire under control, Old Farley Road, Simon residence.
8/1/92 Downed electrical wires on Farley Road.

Student Assists in Office Work

Local Franklin County Technical School Student Melanie Rose has been working at the Town Office Building since the beginning of July, helping out the folks that work at the Town Offices with clerical tasks such as filing, typing, photocopying and other details of long-term projects.

Melanie is employed for the Town of Wendell through the Summer Youth Employment Program, a federal program which pays Melanie's hourly wage. In exchange, the Town of Wendell must provide supervision for the employee and offer a meaningful work experience to help teach the youth the responsibilities associated with any type of employment.

The Town has been on the winning end of this deal - Melanie has been a big help with hardly any effort! We'll miss her when see goes back to school in the fall.

Kathleen Ramsay

Property Transfer

5/14/92 Ford Motor Credit Co., Consumer Finance Co. to William Sibson 1.92A, $33,000, Lockes Village Rd.

Police Log

6/7/92 Mary Anne Sundell report suspicious noise behind house - no one found.
6/14/92 Missing person reported on Lockes Village Rd. - found.
6/21/92 Hal Stowell reported vandalism to car at rear gate of Ruggles Pond.
6/23/92 2-car accident on Mormon Hollow Rd.- no injuries.
6/23/92 Rats reported on Jennison Rd.
6/30/92 Domestic dispute on Farley Rd.
7/6/92 Domestic dispute on Rush Road.
7/14/92 Trash reported on Depot Rd. - removed by B&D trucking.
7/16/92 B&E at Marlowe residence on Farley Rd.
7/17/92 Woman reported obscene phone call- West Rd.
7/18/92 Daniel Thorton arrested on a warrant from State Police Parole Office.
7/21/92 James Phillips arrested DWI.
7/22/92 Keith Carig arrested on a warrant from State Police Parole Office.
7/24/92 Domestic dispute on West Rd.
7/27/92 Melvin Columbia suicide on Farley Rd.
7/27/92 Camp Anderson report of vandalism.
7/31/92 Neighbors feuding over barking dog- Rush Rd.
8/1/92 Tenant - owner dispute - Rush Rd.
8/3/92 Report of dirt bikes on Wickett Pond Rd.

Marion K. Avery

Marion K. Avery died on August 6, 1992 in Roswell, Georgia at the home of her son. For many years she taught the lower grades at the Wendell Center School and will be remembered by many of the local people. Services will be at the First Congregational Church in Millers Falls on Monday (8/10).

Farley Road Man Dies

Melvin F. Columbia, 35, of 93 Farley Rd., died Monday (8/3) in Franklin Medical Center, Greenfield. apparent victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Columbia leaves his wife, the former Francoise A. LaPierre.

He was born in Portsmouth, Va. and lived in Springfield and Turners Falls before moving to Wendell last year. He graduated from Greenfield Community College in 1984.

He was a Coast Guard veteran.

He was self-employed in the video communications field.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Timothy J. Columbia; a daughter, Amie C. Columbia, both at home; his mother Betty J. (Foreman) Ricottilli of Springfield; a brother, Mark W. Columbia of Branford, Conn.; three sisters, Cynthia K. Mason of Aurora, Colo., Conti S. Cisz of New Britain, Conn., and Mary Rose Giuliano of West Hartford.

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is not cut as it has been in previous years. Much also depends on the Swift River School reimbursement fund and the D&B fee and also the local tax receipts.

Jessie Wetherby stated the Bd. of Health must cap the WRATS this year and the cost of the engineers and the Hyaline is still under question. Mary Mcbride spoke of grants for this use and Anne Zak remarked that Wendell's outstanding recycling record may help with grant requests.

Carolyn Manley suggested School Board members attend Selectboard meetings at least once a month. Selectboard members assured her they would be welcome. Ms. Manley spoke in support of the override vote stating that special needs children must be integrated and educated by state law. When asked their views on the override vote, the consensus of opinion of Selectboard members and Finance Committee members seemed to be a strong yes for its need but a huge doubt about whether the townspeople can afford another tax hike.

Charles Smith, Conservation Commission representative, spoke of the need to locate Wendell's watersheds. He mentioned a grant received by a U. Mass grad student to do a Wendell Aquifer Study. It seems the student failed to make a formal report of his findings prior to graduation. Wendell Citizens' concern regarding water
purity initiated this study.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 30, 1992 Minutes
members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis

Mr. Broll was unable to attend the meeting as planned. Instead he spoke with David Walsh re: his findings on lead paint regulations. Mr. Walsh relayed the following:

Lead paint laws do not effect commercial buildings but does apply to the workers. Buildings must be wet sanded or scraped and the workers must be supplied with respirators. The ground must be covered at least 8 feet out from the buildings to protect it.

Mr. Walsh, Chairman of the Board of Health, reported to the Board on two possible disposal contractors. Kramer Scrap, Inc. which takes steel but items such as refrigerators must be free of floro carbons. The other, Commercial Hauling. Mr. Walsh is checking on companies which remove floro carbons before making a decision.

The Asphalt Bid Award will go to All State Asphalt as the company with the lowest bid.

The Override Vote results were: 62 yes and 153 no for question #1 and 57 yes and 158 no for question # 2. New Salem's override vote passed by quite narrow margin.

Stanley Baretsky's land donation to the Town of Wendell is undecided. Mr. Baretsky is speaking to the Fish and Wildlife Organization regarding this issue.

A list of Town Officials appointed by the Selectboard is attached.

On July 25, 1992 there will be an Open House at the Wendell Fire Department. It is hoped there will be a great influx of needed volunteers as a result.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting July 14, 1992 Minutes
Members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis

Kathleen Ramsey spoke with the Board re: A Municipal Aide Grant which would respond to the needs of the Town Accountant, Tax Collector, and Tax Assessor through the implementation of a computer program design. Ms. Culley said that the Town of Pelham recently initiated a computer system and that it had to have the approval of the D.O.R. Ms. Ramsey said the Request for Proposal came to the Town office and that her understanding is that Wendell would be responsible for providing the software which might be used by surrounding towns thus justifying its cost which is estimated at $70,000.

Sally Alley Muffin Stuffin and Jim McRea held a crowd of people at Old Home Day spellbound for the Bremen Town Musicians.

Ms. Ramsey will respond to a Mr. Charles Turner from the Workers' Compensation Program re: safety regulations for Town workers and the formation of a safety committee for all Town workers.

Ms. Janice Barrett reported there is a shortage in the appropriation budgeted for the Veterans Administration. The Selectboard will check with the Finance Committee about transferring the needed amount from the Reserve Fund.

A letter and/or phone calls will be made to the Governor of Massachusetts re: In -lieu - of - taxes prior to the In-lieu -of -taxes Board meeting to be held in the town of Peru on July 16, 1992

Swift River School Reimbursement - Mr. Lewis suggested a letter be sent immediately stating that the reimbursement issue must be decided by the Selectboard rather than any other Board since it was the Selectboard which signed the original agreement. Ms. Culley and Ms. Zak were in complete agreement with Mr. Lewis.

The Wendell Zoning Board of Appeals requested the appointment of an alternate member prior to their Wednesday meeting (July 15, 1992). Mr. Lewis offered to act as an alternate until such time as someone came forward to fill this position. He was duly appointed by the two other Selectboard members.

Ms Ramsey gave a report on the progress she is making on a Community Block Grant she is writing for the Town of Wendell.

Ms. Ramsey also reported on the research into cablevision she is doing for the towns of Wendell and New Salem.

Parker Cleveland attended the meeting with a complaint about the lack of catch-basins on his property. Board members agreed to speak with the Road Commissioner regarding this issue. Ms. Zak requested a follow-up meeting with the Road Commissioner on July 28, 1992.

Maggie Houghton, Wendell Dog Warden, attended the meeting with a report on the latest information on rabies. There is no reported case of rabies in Massachusetts at this time. However, when a case occurs, it has a snowball effect for at least two years before it tapers off. Ms. Houghton said each town is responsible for handling such things as:

Identifying someone to kill the animal (police usually).

Contract a veterinarian responsible for severing the head and removing the carcass.

Determining a source of funds for the cost should the epidemic reach this area.

Ms. Houghton also said each suspected rabid animal must be confined for three months even if it had been vaccinated prior to contacting the disease. If it has not been vaccinated it must be destroyed. Ms. Houghton recommends all pets be inoculated. She and the Board members agreed a second clinic should be scheduled for September in Wendell. Ms. Houghton cautioned townspeople from leaving garbage uncovered and enclosing compost bins to discourage such animals as coons, woodchucks,foxes etc. from the close proximity of houses and household pets.

Ms. Judith Wilder, representing the Wendell Historical Society, attended the meeting to discuss the bandstand soon to be erected on the Common. Ms. Wilder agreed an informational forum to inform the citizenry of the plans for the bandstand would be in order. She will discuss an appropriate time and place for such a forum with her committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.

The Selectboard met with Fire Chief Everett Ricketts on Sunday, June 14, 1992.

The Board and Chief discussed plans to recruit new members to the force and decided to hold a meeting for prospective members on July 25th, 1992, at 10:00A.M. at the Fire Station. This meeting will be publicized at Old Home Day and by a letter to all Wendell households.

The Board then explored the following concerns with the Chief:

training of new and currently active members

communication between members of the department,particularly among officers

budget

Fire station clean-up

The Board expressed its hope that training would become more organized and substantative; that communication and morale problems among current members be addressed; that Wendell voters be presented with a budget reflecting the immediate (and long range) needs of the department; and that miscellaneous materials stored at the fire station be removed.

The Chief assured the Board members of his shared concern and cooperation in addressing all of these matters. The meeting was adjourned with a feeling of optimism about proposed efforts to strengthen the department.

Respectfully submitted
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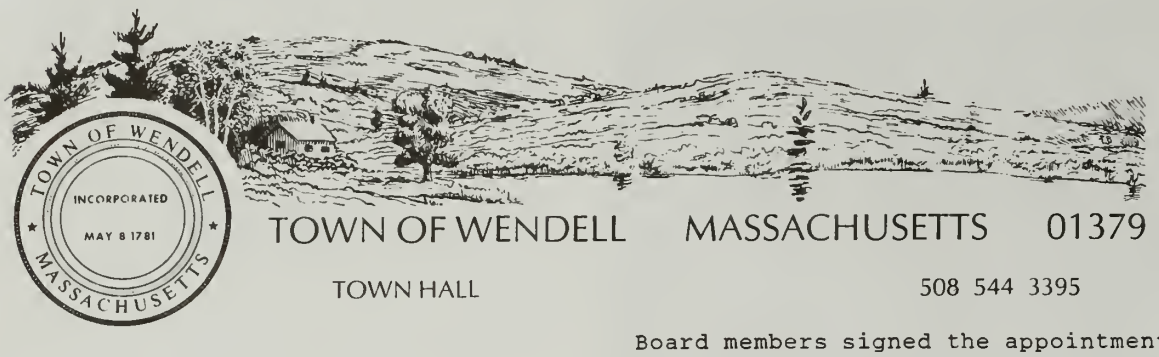

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Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 2, 1992 Minutes
members present Anne Zak, Margo Culley,Ted Lewis

Continuation of Montague Road Pole Hearing - Matt Hurley of NET&T again attended the Board meeting to discuss further the plans for installation of 13 new telegraph poles. Judy Putnam, land owner, also attended the meeting. She was satisfied with Mr. Hurley's explanation of plans for pole installation.

The Selectboard received a check in the amount of $800.00 from the Green Hills Cooperative in gratitude for the use of the Old Fire House. The money is to be used for the Town Buildings Painting Fund.

In response to a letter from a renter of the Town Hall re: refund of clean-up money, Board members agreed to return 1/2 or $7.50. It is their contention renters must be responsible if their guests litter the Town Common.

Selectboard members decided quorum # of 25 people for Town Meetings should remain until July1, 1992 (new fiscal year).

The Finance Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss the Special Town Meeting Warrant pertaining to the Swift River School override. Their concern was whether the it should reflect a menu of needs or a single amount. The School Board voted for a single amount fund.

The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday , June 23, 1992.

The Override Election is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 1992.

The Selectboard will write a letter of appreciation to the Green Hills Coop. for their generous check.

The Board requested Kathleen Ramsey to purchase four tables and forty eight chairs from Staples for use at the Town Hall. Money for this purchase to be transferred from the Town Office Fund.

Board members discussed their concern regarding the need for more volunteers for the Town Fire Department. They have apparently received several complaints from present and past firefighters re: administrative concerns. They have scheduled a meeting with Everett Ricketts, Wendell Fire Chief, for Sunday morning June 14, 1992 at 9:00am. They also plan several fire drills on consecutive Monday evenings.

It was decided municipal employees will accrue vacation days based on their anniversary date rather than fiscal years service.

Carolyn Manley called during the meeting requesting names of people who are interested in becoming members of the Swift River School Committee. Board members suggested Lisa Hogan and Pam Hathaway.

Margo Culley accepted the appointment as a member of the Franklin County Advisory Board.

The Board was unable to discuss the Swift River School Construction Reimbursement because they have not yet heard from the Town of New Salem.

Board members signed the appointment for the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program.

Selectboard members scheduled an All Board meeting for Tuesday, June 9, 1992.

Kathleen Ramsey reported that Bob Widdison from Ma Department of public Works is expected on Thursday, June 4, 1992 to review the Farley Bridge State reimbursement. This should enable Wendell to bill the Town of Erving for its share in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 16- 1992 Minutes
members present Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis

The Board decided the fee for Town Hall rental for the Good Neighbors Dinner Dance should be reduced to $45.00.

Selectboard summer schedule for meetings will be reduced to twice a month for July and August as usual. They will meet on July 14th and 28th and on August 11th and 25th.

Kathleen Ramsey will check on insurance coverage for Tai Chi and/or Yoga classes to be held in Town buildings.

Danny Bachagalupo will cover for safety reasons an abandoned well on Lockes Village Road near the intersection of Lockes Hill Road.

The interest account from the Erving Bridge was mentioned as a possible source for funding emergency communication radios for the town.

Ted Lewis will check on the cost and the ways and means of the process of accepting a land grant from a citizen (Stanley Baretsky lot).

After a discussion of the MIIA quote for Workers' Compensation, the Board decided to maintain the status quo.

Arthur Johnson and Dondi Mitchell attended the meeting in response to complaints by neighbors re: the constant use of dirt bikes and the noise they create. The Board will continue to check on the zoning by-laws of other small towns in regard to unregistered vehicles.

The State is in the talking stage re: creating "super parks" on state owned land in western Massachusetts. Wendell's Selectboard members are concerned that this move will increase the work of our police force and fire fighters without the needed monetary compensation. They are also concerned about the restricted number of hours of use for townspeople at such places as Ruggles Pond which is presently controlled by the State.

Steve Broll attended the meeting to discuss plans for painting the Town buildings. The Board had asked Mr. Broll to supervise the painting which will be done by County prisoners. Mr. Broll will not be able to do this if the work is not started before August due to constraints of his carpentry work. However, he spoke with Kieth Fiske, an authority on this type of work, who suggested vinyl covering as an alternative to replacing clapboards on old buildings such as the Town Office Building. Neither the cost or the aesthetics of this route held any appeal for the Board members.
The following plans were made:

Anne Zak will contact Bill Gasse (an expert on painting old buildings).

The Board will speak with Phil Delorey, Wendell's Building Inspector, and the Mass. Extension Service regarding lead paint concerns.

Mr. Lewis and Kathleen Ramsey will continue to price paint (Aubachon is having a sale).

Mr. Broll said Eileen Savageau will organize a bake group as a morale booster for the prisoners.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Broll will check into the cost of brushes and paint thinner and also the disposal of used thinner.

They will also check on ladders.

Mr. Broll will also check on power washing and the rental of that machine and will meet again with the Selectboard in two weeks, on June 30th.

Swift River School Construction Reimbursement - New salem is waiting to hear the Swift River School Committee Counsel's opinion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 9, 1992 Minutes
members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis

Citizens of the Rush Road and Jennison Road area, Hal Stowell, Paul Daley, and Joe Levangie, attended the meeting to complain about the noise factor created by the use of motorized bikes (dirt bikes) on those roads. Margo Culley requested they start a paper chase in order to record their complaints. Mr. Stowell promised to check new ordinances in other small towns started to control the use of these vehicles. Selectboard members will write a letter to those people responsible after a formal written complaint has been received. A meeting of all concerned will be scheduled at that time.

Ted Lewis requested Kathleen Ramsey write to the Veterans Administration re: Wendell's 1992 Budget.

Kathleen Ramsey composed a letter of thanks to Sarah Deroode, at the request of the Selectboard, for her response to the fire at the Cunningham/Gillman house.

All Board Meeting - convened at 7: 30pm in the Senior Center. Present at this meeting were: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis- Selectboard, Elizabeth Crawford, Dan Keller, Ken Hollenberg, and Lee Troousdale- Finance Committee, Janice Barrett- GMA, Jessie Wetherby- Bd. of Health, Mary McBride, David Wilder, Raymond Avery, Peter Rooney- Planning Board, Charles Thompson Smith, and Mason Phelps- Conservation Committee, Carolyn Manley- Swift River School Committee, Kathleen Ramsey- Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Scully-Selectboard Clerk.

Margo Culley requested each board submit agenda items planned for the new fiscal year.

Planning Board members intend to review the Town's zoning by-laws, research Block Grant possibilities, and come to a final decision regarding Mr. Mcmillan's request to build on his land.

Finance Committee members reported a $17,000. Cherry Sheet increase, and also a $3000. higher charge from the Veterans Administration. The purchase of two new antennae which would improve the communication system in an emergency is not feasible at this time. However, Dan Keller said the proposed 3% raises by the Selectboard for hired town workers and the purchase of these radios might be a possibility in the fall. This only if the Cherry Sheet

A Course In Miracles

A Course In Miracles weekly study group will begin meeting this September on Thursday evenings at the Stone's home on New Salem Road.

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Don Stone has been a student of the Course for 12 years and a teacher with the Harmonie Institute (dedicated to study of the Course) since 1986. He welcomes to this study group all who are interested in exploring the wisdom and application of the Course - from already dedicated students to the "merely curious" - to join with him in forming this study group which will meet weekly at his home on Thursday evenings beginning mid-September. Please call Don at 544-3594 for more information.

Yoga Classes

Classes in Hatha Yoga (exercise) are happening at the Senior Center every Tuesday at 9 am. Susan DunLany is instructing. This method of exercise is noted for its relaxing effects as well as gained flexibility and improved circulation, muscle tone, and all-over well-being.

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Council on Aging

At the Senior Center on July 1st, we had a Blood Pressure Screening followed by a luncheon and business meeting. On July 11th on Old Home Day Golden Agers had their tables of arts and crafts and materials at the Senior Center. We missed being with the others on the Common, but found it much easier where we were. Thanks to everyone who stopped in to buy articles from us and to take chances. The quilt handmade by Mary Fairbrother was won by Christine Heard of Wendell. July 15th, we had guest speaker Anny Hartjens who gave a very interesting talk on her recent trip to her homeland, Holland. July 29th, twenty-five showed up for the Cholesterol Screening. A pot luck luncheon followed and then the movie "Home Alone" was shown.

On August 5th the attendance at the Blood Pressure Screening was unusually low. We can only assume that many people were away on vacation. Luncheon was of mini pizzas and a delicious plum dessert. Cards were played and winners were Dett Oliver, Josephine MacAvoy, Lucille Lewis, Grace Donahey, and Lillian Bourbeau. Old time personal photos were enjoyed by all...As we once were! August 19th we will have Bingo at 1pm. Refreshments will be served after.

Looking ahead to September. On the 2nd the Blood Screening will take place from 10 to 11. Following will be a hot dog roast outside the Center if the weather is good. If not, it will be held inside. No meeting. Artell Bourbeau will entertain us with a few songs on his accordian. On the 16th the film "Tall Ships" will be shown at 1pm. This is about the ships from all over the world which sailed into Boston Harbor on July 11th. On the 30th luncheon will be served at 12 noon followed by cards or bingo.

Watch for notices about Flu shots sponsored by the Board of Health. It will be given at the Senior Center hopefully in October.

The Wendell Golden Agers have been asked to sponsor a 1-20 Club for the Wendell Town Hall Artesian Well Fund. We were pleased to say "Yes" and wish the workers well in this undertaking. It is indeed a worthwhile project and will make it so much easier for anyone using the kitchen to prepare meals, etc. or for anyone to even get a drink of water. Winners will be announced in our Newsletter and in the Post.

Please note that all our activities are open to anyone in Wendell. If you are under the senior age and would like to come, please let us know and come be our guest. You will be most welcome.

Elsie Diemand

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Phone Tree Update

At the annual town meeting there was discussion on forming a telephone tree. A paper was passed around and several people signed up to be part of it. I wrote an article last issue asking anyone interested to please contact Judy Wilder, Janice Barrett or myself. Up to this point no one has contacted any of us. With the small group of people that signed up to be part of the telephone tree, it seems that either a select few will be called or a few people will have a lot of calls to make, or we once again just drop the idea. We need some input so we can decide what to do, or else this idea will indeed die. Any comments?

Please call Janice Barrett 544-3395, Judy Wilder 544-8617, or Anne Diemand 544-6111. Hoping to hear from someone!

Anne Diemand

Stretch for Fitness

Stretching, toning, and strengthening floor exercises in a friendly environment. Summer schedule: Mondays and Fridays at 8:30 am and Tuesdays at 8:15 am. Starting on September 1 all classes will begin at 8:30 and Wednesdays will be added. We ask for a $1 donation to go to the Wendell Meeting House Community Center Maintainence and Heat Fund. Contact Laura Doughty 544-5450 or Gail Krutka 544-6362 for more information.

Workers' Safety Eyed

The Selectboard appointed its chairman Ted Lewis, as organizer of a Worker Safety Committee. The Committee will include representatives from the Fire, Highway and Police Departments and the Transfer Station.

The goal of the committee is to identify and eliminate hazardous conditions and activities in the Towns' workplaces making them safer places for the Towns' employees, volunteers and citizens.

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Dog Officer Gives Tips on Rabies Prevention

Rabies is a virus that affects nervous system of mammals. If left untreated it is always fatal.

Rabies is spread through a bite or scratch from an infected animal. The five primary carriers of rabies in wildlife are: racoons, woodchucks, fox, skunks and bats. Wildlife carriers can infect any other mammal including: dogs, cats, domestic livestock and HUMANS! (Either directly or indirectly through family pets).

There have been reports of rabies in racoons in Connecticut just south of the Massachusetts' border, to the north of us in Vermont there have been reports of fox with the virus and to the west of us there have been reports of animals with the virus in New York.

Massachusetts is currently anticipating the arrival of the virus. Although there have been no reported cases of the virus in Massachusetts to date, Wendell Dog Officer Maggie Houghton advises that we should modify our habits now to lessen the possible risk of infection when animals transport the virus to our area.

Maggie's tips to lessen the threat of rabies to your family and your family's pets are:

* Vaccinate (your pets);
* Enjoy wildlife at a distance;
* DON'T PANIC!

The following tips for protecting yourself and your family from the rabies virus appear in the Massachusetts' Division of Fisheries & Wildlife's publication "WILDLIFE RABIES IN MASSACHUSETTS: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:"

HOUSEHOLDERS

* Do not approach or handle wild animals.
* Do not feed wild animals.
* Secure garbage and trash in trash containers with tight fitting lids.
* Cap chimneys with screens.
* Seal openings in attics, basements, porches, and sheds or barns.

PET OWNERS

* Pets are the most likely bridge between wildlife rabies and people. Vaccinate cats and dogs for rabies.
* Dogs and cats may come in contact with racoons and may be bitten or scratched
* Feed pets indoors, do not leave pet food outside.

COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE POST: IDENTIFYING ANIMALS WITH RABIES AND WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONTACT WITH AN ANIMAL SUSPECTED OF BEING RABID.

Vets Start Operation Brick by Brick

After six months of careful preparation, Chapter 332 of the Vietnam Veterans of America has announced that they are offering free home repair services for veterans and their spouses.

Richard Rivers, president of Chapter 332, said the group is participating in the national "Brick By Brick" program to provide assistance with repairs to roofs, windows, plumbing, electrical systems, or just about anything that can be done with volunteer labor.

To qualify for assistance, he says, veterans or their spouses have to show financial need. Those eligible will receive free assistance from a group of volunteers under the direction of a general contractor who will be responsible for all the necessary permits and licenses.

Rivers says those interested in donating building materials, and those who wish to request home repair assistance should contact him at 648-9744.

To: Board of Selectpersons
From: Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
Operation Brick By Brick

It is with a sense of pride and immense accomplishment that we at OPERATION BRICK BY BRICK are formally announcing our readiness to begin accepting applications for assistance from residents of your community.

We could only have reached this critical point through the generosity of the residents of Franklin County, and can only hope that this outpouring of support will continue in our quest to meet the needs of our veterans, their significant others and widows over a sustained period of time.

It has become increasingly apparent that we must attract members of the community to assist us in the implementation of our program as the needs that exist are enormous in nature and require all of us working together, the community hand in hand with the chapter. As a side note, it is still a problem securing the use of a truck or large van for use in picking up donated material and furnishings Monday through Saturday on a regular basis.

We thank each and every one of you for your assistance and receptiveness as well as the personal efforts made on our behalf. We anticipate seeing you in your community shortly and enjoying a continuous relationship.

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Action in Paradise

Town Hall- Biddeford, Maine. Aug. night of vacation 7PM on time. We came here instead of movie, reading or cards with the kids. We came here to a town council meeting. They debate the same issues we debate at home only it's a larger town, a larger scale. Tallies have more figure columns but familiar store front after store front repeats empty glare toward the street. This is not a boom town! Their bounty- from an out-of-towner's point of view- the ocean and the skate board park, the reasons we chose to vacation here for the second year.

The park is located in an industrial park building replete with ramps and half-pipes where kids maneuver safely off the streets. No threats, no sidewalk rights issues. We came to support Mr Noble, who invested in the park and now requires an extended special permit or be closed.

It is stuffy in the traditional and beautiful high ceiling room. The faces of the past jurisdict from prominent portrait hooks. The hot air is being circulated; the motor is audible but offers no respite. We enjoy a council agenda which precedes our item of interest. Jokingly, I ask someone how long these meetings usually last. He responds dead pan, "Till ONE!" I can see why.

Out of the ordinary observers filter in. They are teens. By 8:00, the stormy issue is broached. It is a multiple issue seemingly about zoning and the industrial park COVENANTS but also about kids and prejudice towards certain types. The word covenant is imposing, carrying the weight of centuries of patriarches and law, as if set in stone.

The majority eventually vote, 6-4, in favor of Mr Noble, to maintain his manufacturing and recreational business over another possible interpretation of the covenant which would have eliminated his entertainment offering. Was he commercial enough or was his partially entertainment establishment, where scores of skaters converged daily to roll themselves skillfully, fearlessly into paradise, an infraction of zoning by-laws?

The issue evoked familiar conservative and liberal syllogisms:

Laws are made to serve people
Societies evolve
Therefore laws can be adjusted to serve current needs.

Laws are made to protect people
Societies change
Therefore laws protect society from whimsy.

In lieu of the ill mayor, a councilor moderated, running a rapid and frequently misinterpreting pulpit. Murmurs from others brought the question back into Robert's Laws of Order. We were contemplative about the nature of the meeting compared to the quality at home and especially meditative about irony and the subtleties of prejudice. That night, apx. ten liquor and victualer licenses had been approved while the existence of a seemingly thriving business hinged upon interpretation of zoning law in a pallid economic climate.

Skaters have become a current focus of fear and scorn. People forget that appearance has little to do with real danger. Different style, race, religion, feels threatening to the insecure who focus their anxieties in ..discriminatory ways on others and it is that repression that breeds rebellion.

Skateboarders look like skateboarders. They wear definitive clothes, omnipresent hats; their hair styles are dramatic. They are risk takers of the age which examines society and they are therefore impelled to express divergence, or stronger sentiments of rebellion by rejecting the styles of the ruling class which they see as blatantly weak. Especially when their existence is threatened. Given a skater haven, most would be content to practise their skills. But under duress, there erupts a democratic cause, an innate American response to rebel actively. Rebels are usually created and that's where trouble arises on the streets. Until public funded sports parks are financed, our youth must pay for the right to play off the streets. Few of us can daily afford that.

Nina Keller

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Road Names

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from the Depot to connect with Wendell Rd. in Orange. That and Center St. (rather than Center Rd.) are the only ways in Town with the Street designation, under the committee's plan. The reasoning is Elm Road didn't sound right, and having a Street in the Center seemed to us to increase the Town's center of gravity. West Rd. was picked over West St. for that road to maintain this distinction.

As indicated earlier, the Committee feels Mormon Hollow Rd. more plainly serves as the name for the road that runs all the way from the Millers Falls line to Maple Valley School and Wendell Depot Rd. As recommended, Farley Rd. would apply only to the stretch from the "Y" to the Farley Bridge. In that same neighborhood, what is now signed "Upper Farley Rd.." would have its original name, Old Farley Rd. The new name for Stone Cutoff Rd. (to distinguish it from Stone Rd.) would be Reid Rd., after the family that lived on it for years. The short road that connects Farley Rd. with the new Reid Rd., formerly called Stone Place Rd., would be Short Rd. The east end of Old Farley Rd., separated by several miles of discontinued road and a bridge washout from the Farley Rd neighborhood, and accessed from Erving Center, would be re-named River Rd. The purpose here, again, is to reduce the likelihood of an emergency response from the wrong end.

The committee decided to recommend changing the name of the northern section of New Salem Rd. (north of Morse Village Rd. near Ed and Mandy Chase's) to Osgood Rd. And to help people find their way into Town from the New Salem direction, it recommended changing the name of Morse Village Rd. west of that point, into the Center, to New Salem Rd. (The name of Morse Village Rd. east of that point would not change).

Members of the committee that have involved themselves with street names are Peter Rooney,chair, Dorthee, Ethel Bardsley, and myself. Others on the Committee are Carol Hulslander and Charles O'Dowd, ex officio. Feel free to contact any of us with questions.

Jonathan von Ranson

Arts Lottery Council Fall Funding Cycle

The Wendell Arts Lottery Council (WALC) has been notified by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) that there will be a Fall Funding Cycle this year for Arts Lottery and PASS (Performing Arts Student Series) grants. This will be the only funding cycle for Fiscal Year 1993.

MCC has set a statewide deadline of october 15, 1992 for these applications. Individuals and organizations may apply for grants to help fund arts projects that are of benefit to the community. Funding is limited, so modest budget proposals are requested. Projects approved must be completed before reimbursement, and payment requests for FY 1993 funding must be submitted with documentation to the WALC by June 30th 1994.

The application forms with instructions will be available this September and October at the Wendell Town Library, the Wendell Post Office, and Jake Graton's art studio at the Old Fire Station on the Wendell Town Common. Studio hours are daily, 9a.m.-11am and 1-4:30pm, Monday through Friday, and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, 7-9pm.

Bob Ellis and Jake Graton are new members now serving on the council.

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